

St. Bridget (or Brigid) of Kildare is one of the three major patron saints of Ireland along with Saint Patrick and Saint Columba. Saint Bridget's faith and labors for the Lord are remembered among the Irish people through prayers, sacred places, blessings and customs. St. Bridget was an extraordinary woman of faith: strong in her mission, loyal to the Lord, faithful to the Church, generous to the poor and hospitable to missionaries. St. Bridget laid strong foundations for the Church in Ireland. Her feast day is February 1st, the first day of the Celtic Spring.

Sacramental Information:

Baptisms:

Sunday, after 9:00 AM Mass Contact the Rectory Office at 540-277-2943

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

Marriage:

Contact parish priest at least six (6) months prior to proposed date of the wedding. Contact the Rectory Office at 540-277-2943

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

Confessions: Saturday 4 PM - 5 PM Sunday 8 - 8:30 AM

Rosary: The rosary is prayed after the 12:05 PM Mass on the 1st Friday of each month

Prayer List:

Contact Becky Jackson at 540-955-1715

FISH:

Food collection is in the narthex on the 2nd Sunday each month. Please give generously.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 9 AM and 5:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday: 9 AM

Weekdays:

Monday & Tuesday 12:05 PM Wednesday 9 AM Thursday & Friday 12:05 PM

Holy Days: 12:05 PM and 7 PM

Nationwide Mass Schedule: www.thecatholicdirectory.com

Hospitalized and Homebound:

Notify the rectory at 540-277-2943 so that the hospitalized and homebound parishioners may receive the pastoral care of the church.

Website: www.stbridgetberryville.org

Coffee & Donut Sundays:

1st Sunday: Men's Club 2nd Sunday: Knights of Columbus 3rd Sunday: Youth Ministry **Pastor:** Father Paul Grankauskas

Rectory: P 540-277-2943 • F 540-277-2945 office@stbridgetberryville.org Hours: Mon-Fri 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

Religious Education:

John Sengewalt 540-277-2948 dre@stbridgetberryville.org Office Hours: Sun after class until 1 PM Wed 9 - 3 / Sat by apt Tue & Thur 9 - 4 in the rectory.

Office of Youth Ministry: Michael Murrow OYM@stbridgetberryville.org

Music Ministry: Stacy Sefton Music@stbridgetberryville.org

Organist: Jenny Sorenson jtsorenson@comcast.net

Eucharistic Minister / Lectors: Chet Lewandowski 540-722-7231

Servers: John Sengewalt 540-277-2948

Sacristan: Becky Jackson 540-955-1715

Ushers: Jim Willis sargewillis@yahoo.com

Men's Club:

Meets the last Saturday each month 8 AM, in Hobert Hall (7:30 Breakfast). Dick Drake men@stbridgetberryville.org

Women's Group: Meets 1st Tues. each month after noon mass Mary Kay Batka women@stbridgetberryville.org

St. Bridget's Bulletin: Deadline Noon Monday *New*: bulletin@stbridgetberryville.org Ruth Hayes 540-277-2943

Notes prom the Parish Stapp

Bishop Burbidge recently held a listening session on the topics of assisting victims of sexual abuse and ensuring the safety of our children. Our DRE and DYM attended the event and brought back the following key points:

1. Every allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric, employee, or volunteer; no matter how long ago or where the abuse allegedly occurred; is reported to local law enforcement. The

diocese maintains a reporting form on its website in 8 different languages to initiate the reporting procedure.

2. Even if the local law enforcement agency finds no credible evidence of the misconduct, the diocese sends the case to a review board. This board consists of lay volunteers with professional expertise in the pertinent fields [medical, psychological, legal (civil and canonical), and child abuse]. This board is empowered to make recommendations for removal from ministry no matter the legal status of the case.

3. All personnel files are being reviewed for any clergy ever assigned to a position within the diocese. If there are any accusations discovered, the list will be published.

4. The best source for developing best practices moving forward is the victims themselves. Bishop Burbidge reported that many have offered their assistance in improving their Church and making it safer for everyone.

5. Any financial support given to the Arlington Diocese stays in the Arlington Diocese unless collected for a defined purpose, i.e. hurricane relief. The diocese has agreed to settlements to victims for less than \$150,000 in its nearly 45 years of existence. That money came from an insurance policy.

As a diocese, we have good policies in place; a strong culture of doing the right thing; and a caring shepherd who will take the pains of victims into his heart and prayers.

In Christ, The Parish Staff

Greetings:

Congratulations to Rosalio and Karen Curtis Amilpa on the baptism of their daughters Summer Elizabeth and Raquel Lilly on Oct. 21 at St. Bridget of Ireland by Father Paul Grankauskas.

FYI:

Weekly Bulletin: New email for bulletin submissions: **bulletin@stbridgetberryville.org.** Submissions are due at *noon*, the Monday *before* the date of the weekly bulletin.

Knights of Columbus Council at St. Bridget of Ireland The St. Bridget Knights of Columbus council 16938 is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign. We are selling Christmas cards that exemplify the theme. We will be in Hobert Hall after masses for the next several weeks. KIDS: We are also having a poster contest that demonstrates the theme. Watch the bulletin carefully for rules and info. All men of the parish are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. www.KofCBerryville.org

Mass Times & Intentions

Friday Nov. 2 is All Souls Day and First Friday. Eucharistic Adoration will be after the mass until 8 pm and the final hour, 7-8 will be holy hour for prayer for victims of sex abuse crisis.

St. Bridget of Ireland Mass Intention Book for **2019** is open and intentions can be made at the Rectory office from 9 AM - 4 PM M-F.

Monday, October 29:

Noon Mass + Evelyn Valentini

Tuesday October 30: Noon Mass + Vincent Legare Jr

Wednesday October 31: 9 AM Mass

Thursday November 1: Noon Mass + Meg & Al Zuber 7 PM + Rose McCabe

Friday November 2: Noon Mass All Souls novena

Saturday November 3: 9 AM + Norman Ball 5:30 PM All Souls novena

Sunday November 4: 9 AM Special Intention Parish Family

Ркауек List:

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Julius Lee, Cara Kravetz, Tony Tringale, Donna Surina, Josephine Vesey, Larry Krasinski, Anne Murray, Anita Rittelmeyer and Jim Willis.

If you would like to add someone to this list, please contact Becky Jackson at 540-955-1715. **Visit Our Website:** Please visit our beautiful website at www.stbridgetberryville.org for Mass, confession times and past bulletins.

October 21, 2018 Divine Mercy said: "Do not fear, My little child, you are not alone. Fight bravely, because My arm is supporting you; fight for the salvation of souls, exhorting them to trust in My mercy, as that is your task in this life and in the life to come." (St. Faustina Diary, 1452)

SAVE THE DATE! Come Join *New Eve Maternity Home on Saturday, December 1st* in Muldowney Hall at Sacred Heart Church for our "Dessert Hostess with the Mostest". More info to come! Please contact JoAnn Blaker at 304-839-8890.

Backpack Ministry: Thank you for your continuing, generous support of this program. This school year, St. Bridget's has been asked to donate tuna and/or Chef Boyardee items. Regular sized cans are fine, as are the smaller serving sizes, which suit the younger children. Please put donations in the plastic bin in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Mary Kay Batka 540-955-3715. Thanks.

Envelope reporting: *Always* use an envelope with your parish number on it to deposit your checks or cash that you want annotated for a yearly statement. Envelopes are then recorded in your parish record for giving. Contact rectory office if you have questions.

St. Bridget Window Books: Did you know that there are 16 stained glass windows in the church and 12 depict something indigenous to Virginia or local spots of interest and history. "Upon this rock I will build my church, window #3 contains the state bird of Virginia, the cardinal." Books on sale for \$10, contact Patty Doyle, 540-955-0438. Buy one or a couple books for keeping or giving as gifts.

Youth Ministry There will be an OYM meeting on November 11th at 6 PM in Hobert Hall. This session's primary purpose will be the viewing of Tricked: Inside the World of Teen Sex Trafficking This video training program explains the dangerous realities of sexual trafficking. A short social with snacks will follow the video.

Help Needed:

Ushers Needed: We are steadily growing as a new parish, so are needs for ushers at the Saturday vigil mass at 5:30 pm. Contact Rectory office at office@stbridgetberryville.org while Jim Willis is recovering.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed also. Contact office@stbridgetberryville.org or call (540) 277-2943

Advertising: We have a few more ad spaces to fill. This is a great opportunity to connect with our parish about your products, services or special events. Contact Ruth Hayes at (540) 277-2943

FISH of Clarke County is a Christian organization of volunteers. There are several vacancies on both the Help Line and Driver sections. For the Help Line, we are asking for one day a month to answer our Help Line phone. We will forward the FISH line to the comfort of your own home for that one day and hours are 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Training will be provided. For volunteer Drivers, we ask that you have a good driving record and willing to drive to medical appointments round-trip from Clarke County to Winchester. Please call the FISH Help Line (955-1823) and Volunteer!

2018-19 Religious Едисатіоп Ркодкат

Saint of the Week: St. Dorothy of Montau:

Dorothy was born a peasant on February 6, 1347, in Montau, Prussia. She married a wealthy swordsmith, Albrecht of Danzig, Poland, who proved to be no prince charming. The couple had nine children, but only the youngest, a daughter, survived to adulthood, which compounded Dorothy's sorrows. They found one activity, at least, that pleased both of them - going on pilgrimage. Visiting far-off shrines kept Albrecht in a good mood and provided Dorothy with great consolation. They traveled to the shrine of Our Lady in Einsiedeln, Switzerland, and to the shrine of the Three Kings in Cologne, Germany. The pope declared 1390 a holy year, offering a plenary indulgence to pilgrims who prayed in the great basilicas of Rome. Dorothy and Albrecht planned to make the pilgrimage, but as the day of their departure approached, Albrecht fell seriously ill. He insisted that Dorothy go to Rome without him. By the time she walked from Prussia to Rome and back, Albrecht was dead. Afterwards, with the permission of her bishop, Dorothy became a recluse. She had a tiny room that measured only 6 feet by 9 feet built for herself off the high altar of St. John's Cathedral. The room had three windows: one looked onto the street, one overlooked the cemetery, and the third opened onto the sanctuary so Dorothy could see Mass and all the liturgical celebrations of the cathedral. Through this window she would receive holy Communion, and from here she could contemplate the Blessed Sacrament. She received her food through the street side

window, and here she also greeted visitors, listened to their troubles, and agreed to pray for them. There was no door. The room was completely sealed, and it would

not be opened until Dorothy's death, 1 year later. Dorothy was never formally canonized. In 1976, Pope Paul VI confirmed devotion to her and authorized the faithful

to venerate her as St. Dorothy of Montau.

No Religious Education class November 4th.

Spiritual Thought

We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do." St. Teresa of Calcutta

